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Minutes 01-21-2009

MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 21, 2009

Members Present: Maureen St. Hilaire, Janice Dallas, Susan James, Barbara Jones,

Members Absent: Lin Baker, Barbara Cutler, Kerrie Fallon, Kevin O'Brien

Others Present: Jane Howard, Vision 2020 Standing Committee
Miriam Stein, Diversity Task Group
Heidi Hample, Disability Advocate
Paolo Marinelli, Disability Advocate
Jack Jones, Director of Housing & Disability Programs

Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2008:

The Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2008 were tabled until the February 18, 2009 meeting.

Job Fair April 2, 2009:

Jane Howard suggested that the Commission consider translating the Job Fair Flyer into Braille and that a small sign be placed in front of the Town Hall containing information about the Job Fair. Maureen St. Hilaire said that she would contact Gregg Ames regarding the Job Fair Flyer. Miriam Stein suggested that Bill Henning, Executive Director of the Boston Center for Independent Living be notified about the Job Fair.

Warrant Articles for the 2009 Annual Town Meeting:

Jack Jones said that the Commission would submit two articles for the Town Warrant.

One article will be to appropriate a sum of \$10,000 to support the Commission on Disability in its ability to address access issues in the Town. The second article will be to require that any dog parks established by the Town be gated and that unleashed dogs not be allowed on any unfenced area of land within the Town limits to which the public has access.

Jack Jones said that fourteen parks in the Town have been proposed for consideration as off-leash areas.

Annual Report:

Jack Jones said that the Annual Report from the Commission has been submitted to be printed in the Town's Annual Report as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40: Section 8J.

Human Rights Commission Dialogue scheduled for March 4, 2009:

Jack Jones said that the Disability Commission has agreed to co-sponsor the Disability Rights and Policy in the Era of Change dialogue scheduled for March 4, 2009. Jack Jones said that Keith Jones, a disability rights consultant and advocate will be the featured speaker at this event. This event represents one in a series of dialogues sponsored by the Arlington Human Rights Commission.

Snow and Ice Removal:

Barbara Jones updated the Commission on information provided at the most recent snow & ice removal meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.